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TNA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Kirk Menezer

This issue I'd like to discuss Y2K and what can we do to protect ourselves

Y2K, simply put, is the inability of computers to change from the year 1999 to 2000 and the resulting problems from such system failures. These problems are the result of programming ie if you use 98 for 1998 and 99 for 1999, when you use 00, the computer doesn't know if it's 1900 or 2000 and calculations using this date are a problem. Then there are imbedded chips. These are chips that are programmed at manufacture and never change. Many of these also contain dates used by the computer. These must be replaced to prevent a malfunction.

So how bad will it be? Nobody knows. As an owner of a coin shop, I get a lot of exposure to the element expecting a more extreme problem. These are not "crazies" or "conspiracy theory" fanatics but intelligent, successful people who believe the problem is too big to be solved in the time available and a domino effect will create massive problems. Many are computer professionals. At the other extreme, there's the "head in the sand" approach adopted by the majority of people. These people assume, it's being taken care of. My exposure to the first group, has forced me to abandon my position in the later group.

Assuming one doesn't want to bet everything that a disaster will occur as many of the first group are doing. What reasonable actions can the average person take? Should he do anything?

It's not my position to tell anyone what they should do but as a CPA for over 25 years I'm reasonably conservative by nature. Like a good boy scout, I want to "be prepared". I have insurance for my home, I have insurance for my businesses. My approach to Y2K is thinking in terms of insurance. That is, what is the cost to me to have a reasonable amount of protection in the case of disaster? I don't want to be in a position to take advantage of others in the event of Y2K chaos, but I don't want to be a victim either.

Let's look at some possibilities and the cost if Y2k is NOT a problem.

Food-Three months of non perishables for a family of four, costs about \$750 to \$1,000. If Y2K is no problem, eat the food, drink the water.

Energy-Cord of firewood for heating \$160, four tanks of propane for cooking \$120. Both of these you'll use eventually, except the three extra tanks (cost \$70).

Fill your car with gas on 12-31-99.

Cash (\$10,000)- Cost of lost interest 12-15-99 to 1-15-00, \$5

Bag (\$1,000 face) 90% silver. Cost today \$5,250, dealer buy price \$4,800 today. Loss \$450 plus reduction in premium if Y2k doesn't materialize est. \$ additional 200.

100 1/10 oz American Gold Eagles- Cost \$3,650. Dealer buy price about \$3,100 Potential loss \$550

This is not intended to be a complete list of items one might want to have as protection against Y2K. You could mix and match or add items. It's the thought process I'm trying to illustrate.

To have all the items I listed requires about \$20,000, if there's not a problem by 1-10-2000 you could have back \$17,700. Simply deposit the cash, sell the 90% and 1/10 oz eagles. Out of pocket expenditure at this point is \$2,300. Of that, you will eventually use the food/water, wood, and propane at a cost of \$1,210. Final net cost for protection about \$1,100 plus some imputed interest.

Analyzed in these terms, I believe we can provide ourselves a great deal of protection at a very reasonable cost. This analysis assumes bullion prices remain the same. Many people expect them to rise. Very recent events seems to bear this out.

Whether you opt to try to acquire some Y2k protection or not is your decision. But I sincerely hope you consider the possibilities and make an informed decision. Don't stick your head in the sand as I might have.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to members #6103 - 6108. The following applied for membership. If approved, they will become members March 1, 1999.

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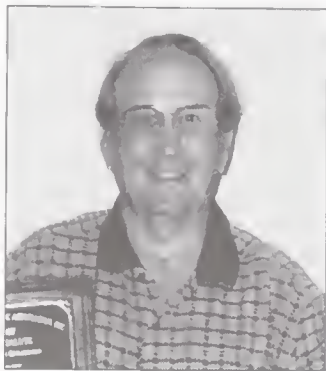
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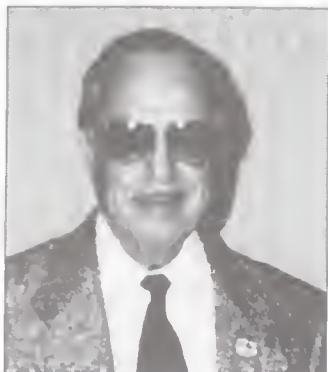
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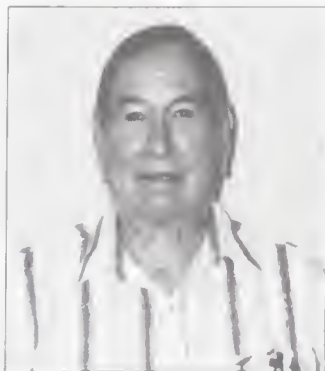
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BOOK AUCTION

Last year's book auction brought in over \$350.00 at the convention in Houston. A large number of ANA Numismatist magazines and TNA News were sold along with a wide variety of other numismatic books and literature. One beautiful book on Greek Coins donated by Jeffrey Meyer brought in a nice price many times over the minimum bid. Three books by Grove on Mexican Tokens and Medals had been donated by Don Bailey, TNA bourse dealer, from Michigan. He has already generously donated 2 more of these books for our 1999 auction.

A big thank you to Courtney Coffing of Iola, Wisconsin, who is TNA Life Member 25. He sent us 9 copies of some books that he had a part in producing. The U.S. Post Office failed to deliver these to me until after the 1998 auction. They will be in our 1999 auction.

Many TNA officers and Governors gave books to the auction and they also helped with the work of the auction. All of the above made this a very successful auction—not only in funds brought in to TNA, but in the distribution of numismatic literature at very reasonable prices.

Please keep all of this in mind and contribute at least one book to the auction in May. If you have an entire numismatic literature collection to donate, please contact me.

Helen Snider, TNA Book Auction Committee

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EXHIBITS

We will have the front area of the hall for exhibits tables. This was a lot of fun for the people setting up and those that came by to see the exhibits. There were some wonderful items set up last year and we are sure to have even better ones this year. There was one of the best Quarter collections seen. Gary Hill tried to win first place for the second year in a row, but was beat out by an exhibit that was beautiful.

If you would like to enter the exhibit competition for fun or to win an award please contact

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INCOME:

1998 TNA Show	
Book Auction	331 50
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Net Proceeds from Show	12,198 72
Total 1998 TNA Show	12,784.22

Contributions Income

Contributions-Coins for A's	899 00
Contributions-General	715 50
Contributions-Library Fund	20 00
Contributions-Newsletter	20 00
Contributions-Youth Fund	135 00
Contributions-Lyman Bartee Memo	25 00
Contributions-Mac Kennedy Memo	270 00
Total Contributions Income	2,084.50

Interest Income	1 975 87
Membership Dues	13,556 75
News Letter Advertising	4,498 00
Sale of Medals	9,220 32
Rental of Showcases	500 00
Sale of Showcases	<u>2700 00</u>
Total Income	18,565.38

EXPENSES:

Bank Service Charges	9 00
Clements Youth Activities	1 000 00
Coins for "A"s-Com expenses	112 90
Coins for "A"s non Com expense	273 21
General	
ANA Dues	66 00
Awards	1 359 95
Elongated Cents	1,056 00
Insurance	1 1818 00
Internet Setup and Upkeep	1 794 04
Office Supplies	<u>449 00</u>
Total General	5,905 99

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Cost of Medals	5 796 11
Medal Officer-Other	<u>647 12</u>
Total Medal Officer	6,445 23
Office of the Editor	
Internet-Setup	170 00
Office of the Editor-Other	2,436 65
Office of the Editor-Stipend	3,150 00
Printing and Reproduction	<u>11,181 78</u>
Total Office of the Editor	16,936 43
Office of the President	314 68
Office of the Secretary	
Office of the Secretary-Postage	686 01
Office of the Secretary-Other	1,219 15
Office of the Secretary-Stipend	<u>5,308 30</u>
Total Office of the Secretary	7,213 45
Office of the Treasurer	61 63
Total Expense	<u>39,284,82</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>8,034,84</u>

Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 1999

CURRENT ASSETS:

Checking/Savings

Clear Lake Nat'l Bank	19,625 07
Hill Country Bank Austin	
Coins for A's-CLNB	489 33
ANA Jr Seminar Fund	768 25
Hill Country Bank Austin	35 50
Memorial Library Fund-CLNB	707 58
Hill Country Bank-Austin-Other	<u>112 30</u>
Total Hill Country Bank	<u>2,112,96</u>
<u>Total Checking/ Saving</u>	<u>21,738,03</u>

Other Current Assets	
CD-Clear Lake National Bank	10,775.75
CD-Life Membership-CLNB	11,218.33
Total Other Current Assets	21,994.08
Total Current Assets	43,732.11
TOTAL ASSETS	43,732.11

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Unrestricted Fund Balance	43,732.11
Total Equity	43,732.11
Total Liabilities & Equity	43,732.11

COINS FOR A's

Jim and Barbara Medford

Since our last report there has been an unbelievable outpouring of generosity to the TNA Coins for A's program. We would like to thank the following clubs and individuals on behalf of all the young people who have been enjoying this program so much:

Alex Siegel	\$25.00
Fort Worth Com Club	\$100.00
Williamson County Com Club	\$50.00
Gerry D. Kammer	\$50.00
Paul Garner	\$50.00
Waco Com Club	\$100.00
Total	\$775.00

Also, Warren Street made us a gift of a nice set of wartime steel dimes. We have submitted an expense report in the amount of \$40.44, which includes postage and a purchase of some U.S. coins. In our last article, we reported a balance in the Coins for A's account of \$489.33. This report brings that balance to \$1,223.89.

In an attempt to do a little better job of retiring, we are now passing this program on to someone else. This might be bad news if it were not for the fact that Gary Hill, presently the 2nd Vice President of TNA, had not agreed to assume the responsibilities. Gary is also a member of the Mid-Cities Com Club, the sponsoring club for the Coins for A's program, and we have known him for a long time. His wife Cindy is going to assist him with the record-keeping, and his knowledge of coins and love of working with young people make him uniquely qualified to take up the program. Over the year and a half we have been in charge of Coins for A's we have been in contact with many fine, hard-working young people and had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with dozens of coin collectors from all over the country who have contributed to and supported our efforts. We want to thank them all!

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TREASURE OF XERXES HUGE HOARD OF SILVER BURIED CIRCA 450 BC

And now, as he looked and saw the whole Hellespont covered with the vessels of his fleet and all the shore and every plain about Abydos as full as possible of men, Xerxes congratulated himself upon his good fortune, but after a little while he wept. His uncle Artabannus, who was with him at the time, asked about this strange expression of contradictory feelings. "I was thinking," Xerxes replied, "and it came into my mind how pitifully short human life is."

Herodotus VII, 45-46

This moment in history described by the ancient historian Herodotus was perhaps one of the greatest military undertakings in history given the current technology. The accounts relate that the great Persian king Xerxes amassed an army of 1,700,000 men for his invasion of Greece in 480 BC. An entire city was needed to feed the army just two meals, and an entire river ran dry when they drank. And huge quantities of silver coins were struck to finance the massive military payroll and all the expenses of huge military operations. The Hellespont was the water way at least a mile wide connecting the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea and separating Europe from Asia Minor. In order to move his vast army Xerxes commanded his engineers, mostly Phoenicians and Egyptians, to build a bridge. To do this 674 ships were tied together in a double row and planks were laid over the decks. The planks were covered with brushwood and dirt to create a road. Xerxes invaded Greece and very nearly succeeded in conquering the civilized world.

As the Persians moved through northern Greece they were met at the pass of Thermopylae, where the 300 Spartans led by Leonidas fought to the last man, and successfully delayed the Persian advance long enough for the Greek cities to prepare. Although Xerxes captured Athens, the Athenians had fled with their fleet to the nearby island of Salamis where the Persian fleet was defeated by the more experienced Athenian navy. The army of the allied Greek city-states, led by Spartans, was able to defeat the Persian army at Plataea in 479 BC and effectively ended Xerxes attempted conquest of Greece.

Xerxes is long dead, and his observations on the brevity of human existence still applies today, even though we average more than twice the usual life span of the ancients. By collecting, studying and handling the coins of the ancients our human experience can be greatly enhanced. In our hands we have relics of great kings who commanded huge armies to conquer kingdoms now vanished. These huge treasures of precious metals that are now unearthed from the paths of these ancient armies are sometimes the only tangible links that we have. Now you can expand your horizons to the Fifth Century BC with a modest contribution to the Jonathan K. Kern Co.



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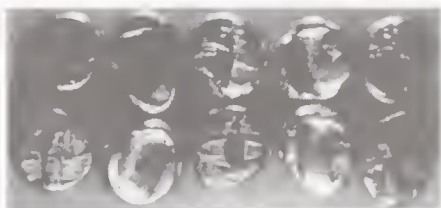
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This hoard of silver was composed of over 100 pounds of struck sigloi. A single siglos averages 5.55 grams of nearly pure silver and depicts the Great King of Persia as an archer in an action pose. Some interpret his posture as the archaic art expression of running and others describe him as kneeling. These coins were struck with a heavy sledge hammer on very thick oblong planchets, much like silver bullets, with a hand held upper die depicting the archer. The lower die was probably imbedded in wood or stone to secure it. The lower or reverse die of these coins was used in the manner of the very first coins ever produced in the world. This lower die was a roughly rectangular raised metal lump, appearing in hundreds of mysterious variations. The raised reverse die creates an incuse impression for the backs of the sigloi. Museum studies now in progress utilize the reverse incused impressions for quick die referencing, since the obverse impression of the Great King is frequently off center. These coins represented a huge explosion in the production of coined money, and were struck rapidly to fill the need for pre-weighted silver authorized by a powerful ruler.

The Great King is shown holding a spear and a bow on the sigloi attributed to the Asia Minor mint of Sardis, in Lydia and a bow and a dagger on the other type which is possibly all from a different mint further south. Frequently they are countermarked with tiny punches by merchants of bankers, possibly to attest to the quality of the silver. We can sell either type in a nice line grade for \$37 each, a nice very fine for \$77 each or a nice extremely fine for \$277 each. The raised obverse always grades much less than the incused reverse so our nice line will usually have an extremely fine reverse.



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DALLAS SECOND TIME AROUND

BY Gayle Pike

Here we are in Dallas again. This years auction may not be quite as historic as the J.L. Irish sale last year but it still retains some of the magic. The show itself has doubled in size to 73 tables and some of the dealers that did not do the show or auction last year didn't want to miss it this year. There were some duplicate notes from the Irish collection which garnered excitement from Texas collectors getting a second chance plus additional excitement over the new offerings of Texas notes.

As you approach the registration desk, you first notice the display from the Texas Heritage Archives and Library that is located in Jefferson, TX. The Executive Director, Charles S. Chitwood is glad to give you the tour and tell you all about the extensive "Texana" collection. On display at the museum is the Texas national bank note collection of B.B. Barr. Many of the notes in this collection can be pedigreed to Amon Carter. The obsolete collection of John N. Rowe III is also on display making this the largest group of Texas notes on display. There are over 600 maps of Texas dating from 1513 and the research library according to Mr. Chitwood is "all things Texas." It includes some of the first publications about Texas. There were some very interesting plaques for sale with pictures of the notes that one might see on display at the museum.

Entering the bourse room, the activity of the enlarged bourse is quite evident. The activity on Thursday was good but as collectors started to arrive on Friday for the auction, the volume level tripled.

Dave Koble of Bartlesville, Oklahoma said business was brisk in large type and nationals. Pointing at a lovely display of 7 AU Chief Notes, one dealer asked Dave how he got them. Another dealer, hearing the comment, replied "Dave can't keep his hand down at auctions, that's how." Koble took the teasing in stride and laughingly said that he would have to learn to keep his hand down. I asked Dave what he thought about the approaching first session to which he replied "There are so many small size rarities, notably in the silver certificates from the Tompison Collection."

The name change of the hotel from Medallion to Renaissance had several collectors taking the scenic route around Dallas to the wrong hotel. The only problem with the show was created by renovations at the hotel. New tile was being laid and at times the smell of the solvents permeated the air and gave some dealers headaches and created a shortage of aspirin at the show.

Lon Rasera of Woodland Hills, California said "I came to buy and bought stuff on my want list but its always not enough. We'll see what happens in the auction."

One of the auctioneers, Ron Guth, was walking around the bourse floor when he spotted a dealer yawning and wanted to know if that was a bid.

Late Friday afternoon, Kent Robertson of Brandon, Mississippi said "The show is excellent-tremendous, at his point one of my three or four best shows of the year."

Andrew Shiva, a noted collector from New York, took a table "It's a big difference having a place where you can put all your stuff and come back to. It is funny to see the looks on people's faces when they see my name attached to a table. It's fun to display notes for anyone who wants to stop and look. A note in some cases that people may have never seen and most members of the general public have most certainly never seen. I am enjoying it but some of my fellow colleges tell me I am not spending enough time at my table because my main interest in being here is not to deal but to work on my own collection."

Lyn's wife Debbie was in charge of auction lot viewing. She is frequently helped by one or more of her sisters. This time she is being helped by all four sisters. Debbie sports a shirt that says I'm Debbie, while each of her sisters wears a shirt that says I am not Debbie, I am her sister. This is the first time the five sisters have all worked together at an auction. All of the sisters look alike and it has gotten to be a running joke as to which one is Debbie. I know in Memphis I was certain I was talking to Debbie-I wasn't - it was her sister. Apparently this is a big problem which they solved with a sense of humor. A sign behind the auction viewing tables says--- If you have a question feel free to ask, If you want the correct answer - Ask Debbie!

Prior to the first auction session, a gourmet feast was served compliments of Lyn. A feast it was. There were all kinds of hors d'oeuvres and finger sandwiches. There were trays of vegetables, fruits and cheese and dips to compliment them. And then there was the pasta. A chef prepared and served 2 different types of fresh pasta. And the most amazing thing was there was enough for everyone.

Quite stuffed, we proceeded to the auction. Session one started a little late due to a previous function in the room but no one cared as we were still talking about the great food. The auctioneers for the evening will be Hal Hunt and Ron Guth. I, for one, am glad there will be two. Last year Hal Hunt called the entire auction and while he made it look easy, it must have been grueling. One well known dealer races out the door just prior to the start to get a bidder number. Seems he had been so busy doing sales on the floor and auction lot viewing, that he had forgotten to get a number. I laugh as one dealer is chewing gum to the cadence of the auctioneer. The crowd is good and the bids strong. There will be some competition tonight.

Lot #1 is a scarce autographed 1928 Legal Tender with a low serial number of 186. It was estimated at \$400-800 and sold to the book for \$1500.

Lot #3 a 1928 A star in gem CU was estimated at \$3000-5000 sold for \$7000.

Lot #46 is a solid "9" serial number 1928 A in choice CU. It opened to the book for \$2500 and sold for \$3200.

Shortly after lot 50 we depart to meet my friend Lee Abramson of Heritage for dinner. Lee takes us to a lovely Cajun restaurant known for its deserts. Still stuffed from dinner we opt for just desert. As we arrive back at the hotel we are greeted by PCDA President Joe Sande, of Nichols, Florida who has stepped outside for some fresh air and stretch. He informs us that the 1928 C Cleveland Star Federal reserve note just sold for \$23,000.

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I join some friends in the bar for a drink and intended to rejoin the auction later during the errors, obsolete and confederate but alas the first session ended and needless to say I never made it. Time does seem to fly when you are having fun. Several friends joined the group at the close of the first session and filled me in on all the action.

Lot 317 a 1934 B Gem CU \$10 Silver Certificate opened at \$5000 and brought \$12,000 to a floor bidder.

Lot 534 a Gem CU \$100 1934 B Dallas Federal Reserve Note sold to the book for \$2500.

Lot 575 opened at \$15,000 and brought \$20,000 to a floor bidder. The note was a \$5,000 1928 Atlanta Federal Reserve Note with a low serial number.

Lot 590 Was a gem 1934 \$10 North Africa. It opened at \$7500 and brought \$15,000 on the floor.

Lot 714 a 1976 Chicago Gem CU \$2 note known as the "Infamous Yellow Deuce" had an opening bid of \$3200 and sold on the floor for \$5500.

Lot 916 a Santa Clause Note from Boston that was listed as a possible contemporary counterfeit brought \$350.

Lot 1066 a Confederate \$100 T-5 opened to a book bid of \$800 and brought \$1200 to a floor bidder.

Saturday at the show was a busy day. The room was filled with people most of the day. Frank Clark, SPMC Vice President, hosted a SPMC meeting and gave a program on Denton, Texas National Banks and their notes.

Lyn Knight and his wife, Debbie will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Lyn wanted to surprise Debbie and that he did. Lyn planned another fabulous buffet to precede the second session of the auction. Just prior to the buffet being served an accordion player began to stroll into the bourse room playing the Anniversary Waltz. This was followed by a huge cake decorated with sugar flowers and laden with genuine orchids and a plaque which read - Lyn and Debbie 18 years together. One of Debbie's sisters snapped photos as Debbie gave Lyn a big hug and kiss.

The second session of the auction started a little after 6:00pm. There was not a big crowd at the very first but people dwindled in and soon the room was full. The second session started with large size type notes.

Lot 1129 an 1880 \$1 FR 32 opened at \$1800 and brought \$3200.

Lot 1146 an 1869 FR 42 a Rainbow Dence in Gem CU brought \$3250.

Lot 1151 a \$2 1878 FR 49 brought \$8000 and went to the book.

Lot 1189 a \$10 Gem CU 1880 "Jackass" note brought \$1500.

Lot 1196 a FR 115 1901 \$10 Bison note in Gem CU brought \$2400 to a floor bidder.

Lot 1207 was a 1874 \$50 Legal in CU which opened at \$26,000 and brought \$30,000.

Auctions can be very exciting and everyone wants to get in on the act. A young couple had their small daughter with them and it did not take her long, watching her father raising his bidding card, until she figured out the routine.

She began waving her hand and when the hammer fell on a lot she stood up and yelled with joy "I got it" Needless to say a smile came across the face of everyone in the room

Alan Mincho, a partner in Currency Auctions of America, was seen proofing his October auction catalogue between bids

One dealer who acts as an agent was observed shuffling bidder cards like a poker hand Nelson Clark can be seen slipping from his seat several times and returning with his trademark glass of ice tea As I look around the room I am amazed at the amount of reference material that people bring to the auction One bidder has several reference books stacked in front of him as he checks information prior to bidding

There is a long pause as Lyn computes the opening bid for a particular lot from the bids received in the mail The auctioneer attempting to fill in the time laughs and says "take a drink everybody", then raises his glass of water and toasts "here's to Lyn for dinner" Of course the auctioneer is referring to the delicious buffet served to all dealers and auction bidders prior to the auction The auctioneer during this point of the auction is Ron Guth Ron is a charming auctioneer who seems to be able to bring a smile to the crowd with each remark Apparently there is a computer problem with the bid posting and the opening bid seems to have gone astray Ron quickly quips "The year 2000 error came early The worse thing that can happen is we will have to call the sale over again" With the computer problem fixed the auctioneer jokingly says "Lot number one", to which everyone in the audience responds with laughter

A feature of the auction was Lot 1312 and 1891 FR 376 Seward Note in Gem CU The note opened to a book bid of \$85,000 and after some intense bidding among several people the note sold for \$155,000 The winning bidder was James Lamb of New York James is a numismatic agent and consultant who was formerly with Christ's for twelve years When ask about the purchase he replied "we are absolutely delighted to get such a splendid note and actually pleased at the price as we had expected to pay more" Lou Rasera of Woodland Hills, California was the underbidder After the auction Lou said he was disappointed at not getting this note but was hopeful to be successful getting another Seward note in the near future According to Lyn Knight this was the second highest price ever for a note at auction

The next lot 1313 opened at \$93 and sold for \$110 to which the auctioneer laughingly was heard to say "Lyn you have a very diversified auction"

The type notes ended on lot 1385 and there was a mass exodus of dealers from the room However the national bank note collectors were ready for action The first national lot was #1386 the First National Bank of Dozier Alabama and went for \$650 to the book This was quickly followed by two Alaska notes Lot 1388 from the First National Bank, lot 1389 brought \$8500

A cellular phone in the crowd rings and the auctioneer chimes "phone bid coming in"

A man sits in the back and as the state of Mississippi comes up he seems determined to purchase most of the notes on that state. His wife sits next to him with her purse on her lap, smiling smugly, as her husband accomplishes his goal. While there was spirited bidding on several Mississippi notes, this gentleman always came out on top.

The auctioneers are changing places, so a break is called. Lyn announces that there is coffee and tea in the alcove. One of the auctioneers comes back with "stimulants at Walmart". A veiled reference to the department store that is behind the hotel and to the projected late hour for the conclusion of the auction. Minnesota Dealer Ed Roghberg is a frequent buyer at these auctions. Ed yells out "bid". Due to the volume he buys, he occasionally is late getting in with his bid and is the subject of good natured teasing on the subject. After a bit of teasing about a late bid, Ed laughs and says "just trying to make your life miserable, Lyn".

Steve Ivy, a known Texas national collector, came in shortly before Texas Nationals started. There was a bit of teasing from several dealer friends who inquired "Hey Steve, why are you here?", and another who said "I hear there might be some Texas notes for sale tonight". Steve took the teasing in stride and sat down to get serious as the Texas section approached. Texas picks up the speed and excitement of the auction.

Lot 2011 is the only large size note of the First National bank of Annona, Texas. It opens for \$1550 and sells for \$375 to Steve Ivy.

Lot 2030 a serial #1 1929 Type 1 on the First national bank of Brenham, Texas opens for \$400 and sold for \$700.

Lot 2095 a CU \$10 1902 Red Seal on the First national bank of Floresville, Texas opens for \$2000 and sold for \$3200.

Another well known Texas collector has a carefully prepared list of notes he wishes to add to his collection. As one particular wanted note comes up, you can see the card almost shaking and a look of determination on his face. But he is successful and adds this note to his collection. I ask him afterward about the note. He said it was the one note that he had hoped to get for his collection, even if none of his other bids were successful. Although he had paid \$100 more than he had hoped to, he was still sporting a grin from ear to ear.

It is amazing to watch dealers acting as agents bidding with multiple bidder cards. Each card carries its own intricate code to indicate the customer that card represents.

It is time for the auctioneers to swap off again. Lyn calls a short break. Standing up and stretching, he gets a broad grin on his face and says "It's not going to be as late as last year", referring to the ending time of the sale. Someone among the bidders asks Lyn if he was going to lead the calisthenics, to which he did an impromptu dance.

Lot 2230 has a dealer and collector battling it out and the bid goes from a start of \$350 to a final price of \$1400.

At the beginning of the Waco, Texas Notes, the auctioneer announces "Lot 2287 Waco -- Waco Upo".

At the conclusion of the Texas notes, which brought strong prices, he ends with "all I can say is God Bless Texas" It was, after all, a collection of Texas nationals that saw the beginning of this show and auction last year. It is evident that the show will become an annual August event for currency collectors.

The auction ended in a grand style with a previously unreported Wyoming note being the next to last lot. The FNB of Lusk, Wyoming \$10 1902 Plain Back, Serial Number 1 opened at \$8000 and ultimately fetched a hammer bid of \$11,000. The auction ended at 11:11pm. Many of the bidders adjourned to the lobby bar for a quick drink and discussion of the prices that various notes brought.

Sunday morning came way to early as everyone had last minute business to conclude. I ask PCDA President Joe Sande what he thought about the weekend in general. His reply "Oh I don't know. It was active with dealers and collectors looking for material. They knew what they wanted and what they wanted to pay and many went away disappointed. And I'm leaving". With that Joe headed to the airport for his flight home.

As we took our leave, we were already anticipating next year's show at this location.

Givels attended the large paper money show and auction sponsored by Lyn Knight in Dallas, TX August 1998.

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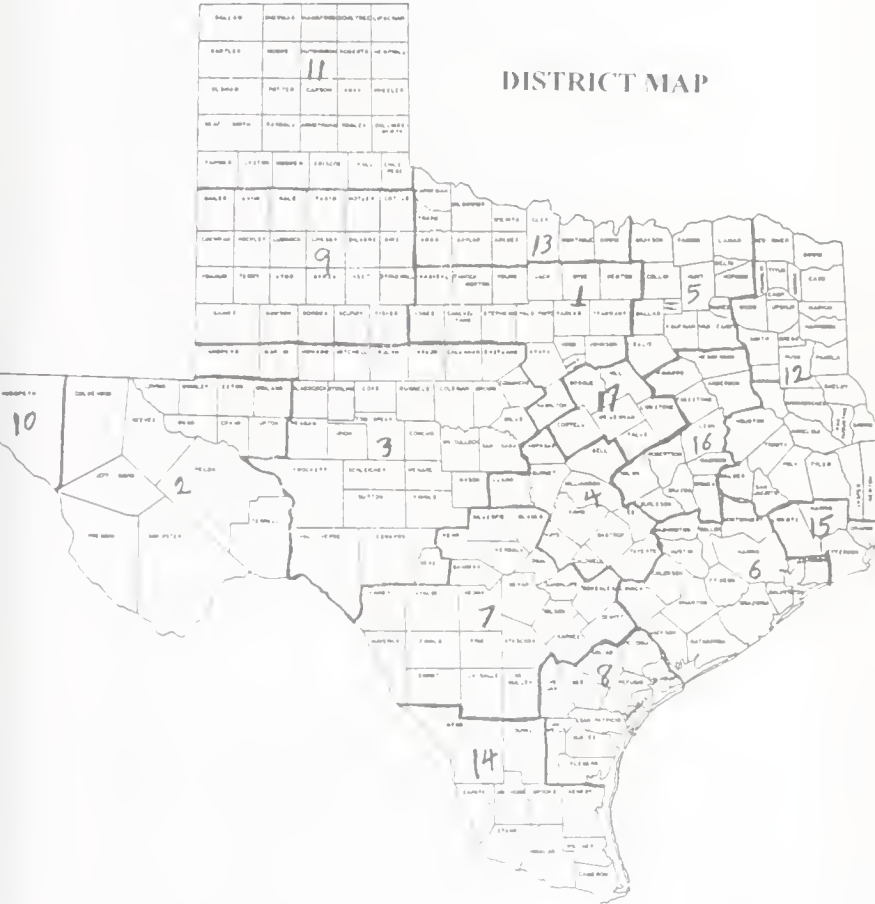
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Contact: PO Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493
Ph: Sharron Rice (806) 796-1883 or (806) 792-0428

March 13 - 14 **Orange, TX**
Spring Coin Show. Sponsored by the Greater Orange Coin Club
Ramada Inn 2610 West I-10, Orange, TX
Contact: Dewey Scott, PO Box 1324, Orange, TX 77630
Ph: (409) 883-6388

March 27 - 28 **Waco, TX**
Coin & Stamp Show. Sponsored by the Waco Coin Club
Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave
Contact: PO Box 1321, Hewitt, TX 76643-1321, (254) 752-6077,
(254) 778-3625, (254) 756-6613

April 2 - 3 **Arlington, TX** **64 Tables**
Dallas & Mid-Cities Coin Show. Sponsored by the Dallas and Mid-Cities Coin Clubs. La Quinta Inn, 825 N. Watson Rd., (I-30 at SH-360), Arlington, TX. Contact: Mike Grant PO Box 171719, Arlington, TX 76003. Ph: (817) 496-2388, Fax: (817) 496-2390

April 10 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Centex Coin, Stamp, & Sport Card Show
Clarion Inn - South, 2200 IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact: Francis Smith PO Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767-1182

April 10 **Mckinney, TX** **38 Tables**
Semi-Annual Coin Show. Sponsored by the Collin County Coin Club
Holiday Inn 1300 N. Central Expy (Hwy 75 North Exit 40B) A free tables @ \$50-60. Contact: Gary Rollins PO Box 744 Mckinney, TX 75070-0744. Ph: (972) 727-1566

April 16, 17, 18 **Houston, TX**
4th Annual Bayou City Coin Show. Sponsored by the Bellaire Greater Houston, and Pasadena Coin Clubs. The Astrodome, USA, Loop 610 at Kirby, Houston, TX. The "Big As Texas" Kickoff for National Coin Week

May 7, 8, 9 **Houston, TX** **104 Tables**
"TEXAS 99" SHOW, Sponsored by the Texas Numismatic Assoc.
J W Marriott Hotel, 5150 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77056
Contact Byron Paris, 11191 Westheimer, #512, Houston, TX 77042
Ph (281) 558-1540, Fax (281) 261-3511

May 22 **San Antonio, TX**
San Antonio 1999 Coin & Collectible Show, Sponsored by the
Gateway Coin Club Live Oak Civic Center on Pat Booker Rd just off
IH 35 North
Contact Raymond Tate, PO Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212-
0964 Ph (210) 271-3429

June 12 - 13 **Austin, TX**
Coin Show Sponsored by the Capital City Coin Club
Clarion Inn, 2200 South IH 35 at Oltorf
Contact (512) 339-2923 PO Box 33159, Austin, TX 78764

July 9 - 10 **Richardson, TX**
DFW Metro Richardson, Richardson Civic Center, 411 West Arapaho,
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July 17 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Centex Coin, Stamp & Sport Card Show
Clarion Inn, 2200 South IH 35 at Oltorf
Contact Francis Smith, PO Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767-1182

July 23 - 24 **Richardson, TX** **60 Tables**
Coin Show, Richardson Community Center, 411 West Arapaho,
Richardson, TX (2 blocks West of 75/Central Expwy)
Contact Paul Garner, Box 154906, Waco, TX 76715-4906
Ph (254) 799-4344 evenings 6pm-9pm please

July 31 - Aug. 1 **Houston, TX** **42 Tables**
The Bellaire Coin Show, Sponsored by the Bellaire Coin Club
Bellaire Civic Center, 7000 S. Rice, Bellaire, TX
Contact Louis Whitaker, PO Box 303, Bellaire, TX 77401
Ph (713) 622-8331 E-mail riverholl@pdq.net

Aug. 7 - 8 **Amarillo, TX** **109 Tables**
Annual Coin & Collectors Show, Sponsored by the Golden Spread
Coin Club Amarillo Civic Center, North meeting room
Contact Kenneth Horn, PO Box 31051, Amarillo, TX 79120,
Ph (806) 358-4523

Aug. 14 - 15 **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**

28th Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show

Green Oaks Inn - 6901 West Freeway

Contact Joe & Linda Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX
76180 Ph (817) 485-1777

Aug. 21 **San Antonio, TX** **55 Tables**

Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club

Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1904 NE

Contact Harold Eiserloh, PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-
8714 Ph (210) 341-6587

Aug. 27 - 29 **Richardson, TX** **60 Tables**

12th Annual Plano Coin Show

Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX

Contact Mark Schroeder or Mike Whitworth, 805 E. 15th St. Plano,
TX 75074 Ph (972) 424-1405, Fax (972) 423-4197

Sept. 10 - 11 **Waco, TX**

DFW Metro Waco Fall Show Waco Convention Center, 100

Washington Street, Waco, TX Contact Paul Garner, PO Box

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Oct. 2 **McKinney, TX** **38 Tables**

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Oct. 8 - 9 **Richardson, TX**

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Richardson Contact Paul Garner, PO Box 154906, Waco, TX

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pegarner@rocketmail.com

Oct. 9 - 10 **Corpus Christi, TX**

Corpus Christi Coin Show, Sponsored by the Corpus Christi Coin

Club. Contact David Burk, PO Box 10053, Corpus Christi, TX 78460

email dburke@ccatech.com, Ph (512) 241-0348 or (512) 779-0500

Oct. 16 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**

Centex Coin Stamp & Sport Card Show

Clarion Inn, 2200 South IH 35 at Oltorf

Contact Francis Smith PO Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767-1182

Nov. 13 **San Antonio, TX** **30 Tables**
 Alamo Corn Show. Sponsored by the Alamo Corn Club
 Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE
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Calendar of Events **2000**

Aug. 18 - 20 **Richardson, TX** **60 Tables**
 13th Annual Plano Corn Show
 Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd. Richardson, TX
 Contact Mark Schroeder or Mike Whitworth, 805 E. 15th Street,
 Plano, TX 75074 Ph (972) 424-1405, Fax (972) 423-4197

Calendar of Events **2001**

Aug. 17 - 18 **Richardson, TX** **60 Tables**
 14th Annual Plano Corn Show
 Richardson Civic Center, Arapaho Rd. Richardson, TX
 Contact Mark Schroeder or Mike Whitworth, 805 E. 15th Street,
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District Meetings



DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The December meeting started a brief business meeting. The club elected the proposed slate of officers through a motion of acclamation by George Derrick. The 1999 Governing Board for the Mid Cities Coin Club is as follows: President - Jim Waite, Vice President - Jim Fitzgerald, Treasurer - Debbie Williams, Corresponding Secretary - Mike Grant, Auction/Raffle Chairman - Gary Hill, Recording Secretary - Barbara & Jim Medford. Jim Waite presented Certificates of Acknowledgment to the 1997 Governing body. Certificates of Acknowledgment were presented to the 1998 Governing body. Dinner was served and the Auction commenced. The last event was the Bingo.

Thirty members and guests attended the January meeting. The Corresponding Secretary reminded everyone that 1999 dues must be paid. Mike Grant gave some members copies of the TNA News, and pointed out that the show calendar covered three full pages. The Dallas/Mid-Cities Coin show has new electrical cables, and there are only 14 tables left for the April 2-3 show. Jim Waite asked members to consider the day of the week they would like to have the Christmas dinner next year. He recommended members visit coin shows for self-education. One member asked if the November Bourse was a success and several members that bought tables indicated it was. Lance Ward urged the importance of education in numismatics for every member. He said he might be able to buy David Bowers' book "The History of US Coinage" at a reduced price if several members are interested. Mike Grant gave the program on "Coinage of Hawaii".

The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, at the California Lane Church of Christ in Arlington, at 6:30pm.

--Mike Grant, Corresponding Secretary

Fort Worth Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

There were 94 members present at the Christmas dinner meeting and party. Club member James Wiles was written up in Coin World, in the November 9, 1998 issue, he received an award for the Best Single Photograph or series of Photographs for his column "RPM Report" in the "Numismatist".

The Fort Worth Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, at 7:00pm

--Bob Millard, Treasurer; Russell Prinzinger, Dist. Governor

DISTRICT III

Key City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The members met at the Travel Inn in Abilene for the Christmas Party. Some members received silver eagles. The show was held at the First Baptist Church Life Center in the GYM, with dealers from around the state. The members discussed giving away a gold coin for the end of the year door prize, this was tabled until next month. Bob Bills gave the program on "Counterfeit Coins"

The Key City Coin Club meets the 1st Thursday of each month at Rose Park Senior Citizens Bldg. at 7:00pm

--Bob Kirkley

DISTRICT V

Collin County Coin Club, (Collin County Coin Club Chronicles)

The Club's Annual Holiday Dinner was held at Steak Kountry. Reports indicate that everyone had a good time especially during the door prize drawings. Roy Lyall, one of the founders of the club passed away Jan. 5th. Roy helped to organize the club in April of 1987 and served as the first Secretary/Treasurer. In the last few years Roy served one term as President and was the club auctioneer. Most recently, Roy was instrumental in helping the club secure it's current coin show site.

The January meeting was called to order with 25 members and guests present. The ANA's website may generate new member potential for the club. One member brought a letter to the editor that appeared in the local McKinney Courier Gazette from a collector from the Houston area. The person in the letter appeared to be soliciting "donations" to his Texas store token collection. A club member wrote to the paper exposing this as a possibly not being straight forward.

The Collin County Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steak Kountry in McKinney at 7:30pm

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



President Hal Cherry called the meeting to order with 35 members and guests present. The new officers were sworn in. President - Hal Cherry. Vice President - Bob Barsanti. Secretary/Treasurer - Lawrence Herrera. The members enjoyed a great bingo game and many raffle and door prizes.

Mike Grant - Show Chairman reported on the upcoming show on April 2-3. There are only 12 tables left to sell and the club is selling 1500 raffle tickets this year, for a 1/10oz, 1/4oz, and 1/2oz gold piece. Mike also

reported on the Coins for A's program. Gary Hill discussed the coin starter kits and penny boards that are available for kids, and some will be given away at the show. Frank Clark mentioned that the club has only a few silver medals at \$20 and bronze at \$5 still available. The program was given by Frank Clark on the "Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas".

The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas, at 7:30pm.

--Frank Clark III, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the Nov. 16th meeting the members were reminded of the Pasadena Coin Club Show on Nov. 27-29. The Christmas Dinner will be Dec. 7th. There will be no meeting scheduled at the Library that night.

Thirty-three people attended the Dec. 21st meeting. The Christmas party came in under budget. A number of the Clements Coin Club members attended this meeting. The club donated \$300 to the Clements Coin Club for the trip to Florida they take every year. The Clements club members agreed to volunteer at the Bellaire Coin Show. The program was given by Anita Sanchez on "Cuban Coins". This newsletter also lists by month the things that happened to the club and its members during the last year.

There were 23 members and guests at the Jan. 4th meeting. The members discussed the small profit the club made for 1998, due to the purchase of the microscope viewer. The new more powerful lens for the microscope will arrive after Jan. 21st. Ed Stephens informed the members that Jan. 4th is the first day to distribute the new "Euro" coinage. He also said that one of the news programs showed a sample of the new commemorative quarters. The members voted to increase the show table fees to \$135.00. Stan Garczynski gave the program on "Poland's History On Commemorative Coins".

At the Jan. 18th meeting 26 people were in attendance. Jim Bevil and Ed Stephens told everyone about the Fun Show and that the new Delaware commemorative quarters were on display. Some of the members discussed nominating Bob Campbell as president of the ANA. The program was given by Jim Bevil on "Comparing Y2K with Y1K".

The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Public Library, at 7:00pm.

--Michael Wolford, Club Editor

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

Thirty-one members and guests gathered for the Christmas party on a blustery and rainy evening Dec. 10th. The members played bingo, ate a huge Christmas dinner, and had a great time despite the weather. There is also a letter from President Ralph Ross, speaking on Y2K, the trip he will be taking to

Orlando to visit the FUN Show, and the 1999 Money Show. Sebastian Frommhold submitted an article on Numismatic Trivia. There is also a list Numismatic History dates for the month of January.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, at 7:30pm.

--Chris Johns, Secretary

Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed)

The Sept. 10th publication starts with a list of members running for office of the club, they are: President - Shalin Shah, Howie Rogers, Vice President - Gina Yui, Sutin Yang, Treasurer - Kim Pham, Wilson Kwok, Shelizad Roopani, Sara Jen, Steve Lee, Secretary - Judy Kao, Mary Weigel, Editor - Chesca Alquiros, Scott Rabel, John Smithson, Historian - Carrie Chiu, Sergeant at Arms - Simon Wong, Daren Chang. There is an article on the ANA Summer Conference and the students that the club sent. An article from Coin World written by Michele Orzano is reprinted in this issue, the article is on "24 Game Uses Coins To Teach Kids Mathematics".

In the Sept. 24th issue are the election results: President - Shalm Shah, Vice President - Gina Yui, Secretary - Mary Weigel, Treasurer - Kim Pham, Editor - Chesca Alquiros, Historian - Carrie Chiu, and Sergeant at Arms - Karen Chang. Shalin Shah writes a letter about the upcoming club trips to various shows. The club will have a candy sale to support the trip to the FUN Show in Florida. There is also a list of Do's and Don'ts for Running a Coin Club.

The Oct. 8th issue begins with a letter from the president reminding everyone that they need to sell \$60 worth of candy. The sale of the candy will help the club trip to Florida and other events the club has planned.

The members are planning to make a collage from the pictures of the activities at several Texas shows and the Florida Show. There is an article on exhibiting at the FUN Show. Coin Info, There is a new Princess Diana Commemorative announced by Britains Chancellor of the Exchequer. The coin will be a E5 crown to commemorate Princess Diana of Wales, in 1999.

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (Alamo Coin Clips)

Twenty-six members and guests attended the Dec. 10th Christmas party. The Gift Game provided the usual excitement with a 1998 Proof Set and a grab bag of foreign coins exchanging hands most frequently. Coin World Trivia was played after the gift exchange. Prizes went the first member to answer each question. The raffle prizes were all modern US commemorative dollars, and half dollars. The Alamo News is now called Alamo Coin Clips.

There were 33 people at the Jan. 14th meeting. Wayne G. received a Roman coin from an ANA member for the numismatic class he teaches at the Northside Ind. School District Education Center. The ANA member gives Roman coins to people that teach classes on coins, or write articles for numismatic publications, or present programs to numismatic organizations. Tim W. reported that the local Federal Reserve Branch will receive the new quarters by Jan. 19th. Herb Horning gave the program on "The Story of Wooden Nickels".

At the Jan. 28th meeting there were 21 members and guests present. Richard Medina told of a man with a de la Garza Jola that Richard thought might be fake, the man placed it in an auction after having it authenticated and got \$15,000 for it. The members decided to take a field trip and rent a van to travel to a large show out of town. James M. Sutton of Castroville, TX won a trip to the Canadian Mint at the Florida United Numismatics Convention.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The Nov. 5th meeting had 27 members and guests in attendance. The main topic of discussion was the Christmas Party. Some items brought to the meeting include a 1991 Mexican 2000 pattern coin, a silver St. Elguis medal struck in Germany, a British two pound coin that replaced the two pound note.

At the Nov. 19th meeting there were 24 members. Items brought to the meeting include a 1994 five dollar coin from Finland, a 1793 Mexican 8 reals, a Roman Colonial coin of Emperor Trajan, 98 to 117 AD. The educational program was given by Marianne Hunter on "The 64 Dollar Question".

Twenty-three members and guests were present at the Dec. 3rd meeting. This was auction night for the club. Items brought to the meeting include two San Antonio tokens, one for J. Phillips Apex Whiskey and the other for Ball's Bar No. 6, a 1793 Charles IV Mexican 8 reals, a 1939 Lincoln cent with a blank reverse, a Roman colonial coin of Emperor Trajan, 98 AD.

The Christmas party on Dec. 17th was hosted by Marian Gilmore and Hanna Pettit. Thirty-two people enjoyed the dinner and a gift exchange game.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Denny's Restaurant at 7:00pm in San Antonio.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT VIII

Corpus Christi Coin Club, (Coin Notes)

There were seven members present at the Nov. 17th meeting. The members discussed the fall coin show at Sunrise Mall on Oct. 9th and 10th.

The Christmas party will be held on Dec 15th at the Sirlorn Stockade at 6 30pm. There was a gift exchange after the dinner. The club donated a club medal to Del Mar College. Don Bryan gave the program on "A newly discovered Mexican 5 centavo coin dated 1913, with a possible over date of 1913/2".

Thirteen members attended the Christmas dinner at the Sirlorn Stockade.

At the Jan 19th meeting there were 6 members present. Members discussed the Houston Money Show. The members also discussed the club's show in Oct., the date is set but the location is not. The mall has set a price for the room and the rental price for tables and chairs. The next meeting will be on Feb 16th and there will be a video presentation "The Secret of Making Money".

The Corpus Christi Coin Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Sunrise Room of the Sunrise Mall, at 7 00pm.

David Burke, Editor

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form)



The donation to Meals on Wheels from the annual Christmas auction was \$1,738.00. Over 76 people attended the Christmas dinner. Awards were given to members that gave a program throughout the year. This issue has an article by Lee Barrett on "Why Should Coin Collectors Care about the Internet in 1999".

The Jan 4th meeting had 22 members and guests present. President Sharron Rice showed a picture from the Avalanche Journal with President Rice presenting a check to Meals on Wheels. Herman Jacobs showed the TNA News with Lamonte Pitzer's picture in it. Sharron Rice brought up the coin show and ticket sales. Lynn Parker gave the program on "Currency of 1860-1861". There is an article by Lee Barrett titled "Coins and all Things Related".

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7 30pm in Lubbock.

--James Golden, Secretary; Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)



The current newsletter starts with the Annual Christmas Party on Dec 19th at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center. The meal was catered with 29 members and guests attending. Dave Cervin gave a presentation on how Christian symbols came to be placed on ancient coinage. After dinner everyone played bingo. The club is in transition, looking for a new meeting place. The officers for 1999 are as follows: President - Paulla White, 1st Vice President - Ted Winton, 2nd Vice President - Mike Nowak, Treasurer - Louise Tompkins.

Secretary - Bob Thornber, TNA Governor - Ken Horn, three members at large are Art Morton, Charles Miller, and Ron Hoskins. The club will set aside tuition money for any active member to attend the ANA sponsored classes in Colorado Springs. Members names must be submitted to the executive board.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month, in the Wescliff Bible Church, at 7:00pm.

--Ken Horn, Editor

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The Christmas party was held at the Red Lobster on Dec. 17th with 21 members and guests present. The people nominated for office are: President - George Fortune, Vice President - Paul Murphy, Secretary - Kay White, Treasurer - Art Larkin. The members voted to elect the proposed officers. Awards were given to the following people: Judy Matherne - Past President's Medal, Art Larkin - CL Babcock Award, and Jack Provost - Lifetime Achievement Award. Bill Stein won the Outstanding Member Award.

At the Jan. 21st meeting there were 13 members and guests present. Jerry discussed the design for the new Texas quarter with the members, the majority would like to see the Alamo as the new design. The club gave a basket from Something Special Bakery to the LNVA for allowing the club to meet there. The club nominated Jerry Williams to be president of the TNA next term. Barbara Edwards was nominated for District Governor. The club donated three Red Books to the Beaumont Library and branches. The club voted to nominate H. Robert Campbell for ANA President. Ed White gave a program on "World War II Mementos". Emery Ledoux gave a short program on the FUN Show in Florida.

The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin. Building, at 7:00pm in Beaumont.

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars and Cents)

There were 17 members present at the Christmas Dinner meeting. The program was Gluttonous Behavior at Dorothy's Front Porch. The new slate of officers for 1999 are: President - Bryan Girouard, Vice President - Morgan Aleman, Secretary - Ray Gannaway, and Treasurer - Ricky Lancelos.

Thirteen members attended the Jan. meeting. Ed White gave the program on "An Insight into the War Days of 1942 - 1945 and It's Effect on the Coinage". The installation of officers took place at this meeting. Bryan Girouard had to withdraw his name from the president nomination. Ed White said he would accept the presidency. Barbara Edwards is the ANA representative. Jerry Williams is the TNA representative. Ray Gannaway and Morgan Allenman are the nominating committee, Jerry Williams and Kay White are the auction committee, Ed White and Joe Scott are the awards

committee. Barbara Edwards is the Christmas Committee

The Greater Port Arthur coin Club meets on the 1st Thurs of each month at the County Clinic in Port Arthur, at 7:00pm

--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

DISTRICT XVII

Waco Coin Club, (Wacomews)

President Greg Hofen called the Nov meeting to order with 37 members and guests present. The Dec show will be held on the 12th and 13th. Gerry Kammer completed the audit. Gerry Kammer discussed getting kids interested in collecting coins with the TNA Coins for A's program. Paul Garner donated \$50 for this project. Fred Gowdy made a motion that the club donate \$500 from the show account, motion carried. The new officers are: President - Fred Ferguson, Vice President - Alan Wood, 2nd Vice President - JP Jones, Treasurer - Glenn Hardin, Secretary - Cindy Riedel, and sergeant of Arms - Wayne Riedel. There is an article on Numismatic History December 17, 1792, the striking of the first US coins.

The Dec meeting was held at Uncle Dan's Restaurant. There were 47 members and guests present. February will be a swap night meeting. An article on Numismatic History for January 30, 1946, the anniversary of FDR's birth, the first Roosevelt dimes were issued.

The Waco Coin Club meets at the Democratic Party Center, at 7:30pm the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Cindy Riedel, Editor

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